

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 115 prior to a first Office Action on the merits. In reviewing the specification and claims, Applicant noted several changes that could be made to more clearly define the present invention. The changes made to the specification may be seen at Exhibit A, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii). The changes to the fifth paragraph on page 6, lines 19-21 and the sixth full paragraph on page 6, lines 22-26 was made to correct typographical errors. Support for the amendment to the sixth full paragraph on page 6, lines 22-26, may be found on page 8, lines 3-5. Support for the new claims may be found on page 6, lines 22-26, and on page 8, lines 3-5. No new material has been added.

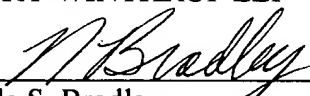
CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance. As such, early, favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing this application in condition for allowance.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment associated with this Preliminary Amendment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3975.

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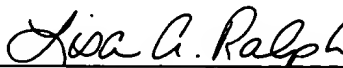
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EXHIBIT A

Please amend the fifth paragraph on page 6, lines 19-21 as follows:

Preferably, display 26 contains a high contrast, high viewing angle LCD display with a format of [2] two lines of 20 alphanumeric characters each, including the capability of displaying three special currency characters.

Please amend the sixth full paragraph on page 6, lines 22-26 as follows:

Keys 24 may be constituted, for example, of a 5X5 matrix of full travel alphanumeric keys of the type provided on a push button telephone handset, in addition to a double width double zero key and operating command keys. Alternatively, or additionally, keys 24 may be constituted by those keys typically found on a computer keyboard. The operating command keys may include, for example, keys that perform the following functions:

Please amend the sixth full paragraph on page 6, lines 22-26 as follows:

The parallel port is provided to communicate with an optional external lister printer. The P/2 connector and interface are provided particularly for option connection [2] to a standard personal computer keyboard.

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